

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4285  
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DISTRIBUTION OF RBD PALMOLEIN UNDER PDS  
Barad Shri Jashubhai Dhanabhai

**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has requested the Union Government for exemption/relaxation in import/purchase of RBD Palmolein by the Union/State Government agencies for distribution to the Antyodaya and Below Poverty Line (BPL) card holders under Public Distribution System (PDS) in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a),(b)&(c): The import of edible oil (except Coconut Oil) is under Open General Licence (OGL) and there is no import allocation from Central Government. The State Government is at liberty to import edible oil according to their requirements.